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TITLE: LIGHT PROTECTING SHEET AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

REMARKS ON Supplemental AMENDMENT "C"

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 26, 2004, having a response being due on April 26, 2004, and in response to an advisory communication of a non-compliant amendment, please consider the following remarks in conjunction with the amendments to the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits the present Supplemental Amendment "C" in a revised format in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of April 14, 2004. The Examiner indicated that the format of the Amendment should comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1). Applicant respectfully contends that the present amendment is now in compliance with the required amendment practice, including a complete listing of all claims. This new format of Supplemental Amendment "C" is now in the proper condition for consideration. Furthermore, the present supplemental

amendment has been filed before expiration of the shortened statutory period for response such that a fee for extension of time is not currently due.

Upon entry of the present amendments, previous Claims 9 and 10 have been canceled and new Claims 11 and 12 substituted therefor. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the foregoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of distinguishing the present invention from the prior art.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the Von Trebra patent. According to the Examiner, "With respect to Applicant's arguments that Von Trebra does not teach a hot melt layer." The Examiner refers the Applicant to the hot melt extrusion layer taught by Von Trebra which reads on the instant invention given that the instant invention does not exclude a layer in between the white ink layer and the hot melt layer given that the instant invention does not recite that the hot melt layer is directly applied to the white ink layer.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's comments in this regard. So as to more clearly distinguish the present invention from the Von Trebra patent, independent Claim 11 has been prepared so as to reflect the limitations of previous Claim 9. In particular, independent Claim 11 recites the step of coating a hot melt layer "directly onto" the white ink spread over said opposite side. Additionally, independent Claim 12 reflects the limitations of previous independent Claim 10 and includes the limitations that the hot melt layer is "directly covering" the white ink layer "without any layer therebetween". As such, Applicant's attorney believes that independent Claims 11 and 12 incorporate the limitation which the Examiner has suggested would distinguish the present invention from the prior art Von Trebra patent.

With respect to the Von Trebra patent, Applicant repeats its arguments in the previous Amendment "B". The arguments in Amendment "B" are incorporated herein by reference.

Based upon the foregoing analysis, Applicant contends that independent Claims 11 and 12 are now in proper condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested and allowance of the claims at an early date is earnestly solicited. Since no additional claims have been added above those originally paid for, no additional fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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